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FROM AMBASSADOR WOLLE MUSCAT

TEHRAN ALSO FOR SOBER

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR UNGA MU
SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON RELATIONS WITH IRAN, AND
ON PDRY

1. LENGTHY SEPT 18 MEETING BETWEEN SULTAN QABUS AND DEPT ASST
SEC SOBER LEFT LITTLE FOR FONMIN ZAWAWI TO TALK ABOUT IN
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MEETING WITH SOBER. HE FOCUSED ON
RELATIONS WITH IRAN. SAID JULY MEDIAN LINE AGREEMENT WAS
BENEFICIAL TO BOTH SIDES, AND THOSE WHO ATTACKED IT AS OMANI
GIVEAWAY HAVE NO BASIS FOR THEIR CLAIMS. HE ALSO POINTED, AS
EVIDENCE OF IRANIAN GOOD INTENTIONS, TO FACT THAT NOT ONCE
DURING THEIR PRESENT HELPFUL MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH OMAN HAVE
IRANIANS ASKED OR HINTED FOR SPECIAL CONCESSION OR FAVOR FROM
OMAN ON ANY TRADE, COMMERCIAL OR OTHER MATTER, MUCH AS CRITICS
MIGHT EXPECT THEM TO BEGIN SEEKING SOME SUCH ADVANTAGE BECAUSE
OF HELP THEY ARE PROVIDING.

2. ADDING NEW POINT TO WHAT SULTAN HAD SAID ON PDRY, ZAWAWI
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REMARKED THAT ANALYSTS OF PDRY POLICY AND TACTICS SHOULD KEEP

IN MIND THAT IT OPERATES WITH TWO FACES. ONE ELEMENT, THE SOFT-LINING MODERATES, ARE SENT ABROAD TO CARRY OUT BILATERAL MISSIONS AND STAFF PDRY'S TABLE IN ARAB LEAGUE AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. BUT THEY HAVE LITTLE OR NO INFLUENCE ON POLICY IN CONTRAST TO THE SECOND ELEMENT, THE HARDLINERS WHO STAY HOME AND SET CONTENT AND TONE OF PDRY ACTIONS.

3. ZAWAII COMMENTS ON OTHER TOPICS REPORTED SEPARATELY.

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